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CDCR's Spirit Of Giving, Community Support, Continues In Annual Holiday Effort

On December 9, CDCR released its annual calendar of community benefit activities organized by hundreds of CDCR employees statewide for the holidays.

"Our employees have really stepped up to help local communities and needy families this year," said CDCR Secretary Matthew Cate. "The holiday, charitable events and fundraisers underway by staff and inmates at institutions and field offices across California will help to brighten the holidays for those less fortunate."



A child picks out a bike at Centinela State Prison.

in our communities."

A Flickr slide show of holiday pictures, a short video of the Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp youth decorating the historic California Governor's Mansion, and the complete schedule of events can be found on the CDCR website at www.cdcr.ca.gov

The complete schedule of events can also be found on the intranet at <http://intranet/opec/Lists/CDCR%20Today/CDCR%20Today.aspx>



Cribs and dolls at Chuckawalla Valley State Prison for children.

the holidays approach and cold weather sets in. An annual tradition begun several decades ago, this effort is held between the Thanksgiving holiday and New Year's Day.

Typical holiday activities include offenders spending months creating crafts and toys, assembling holiday food baskets with donated goods and food, and rebuilding bicycles.

Staff and volunteers work together to solicit donations, contribute to charitable activities, and ensure the final efforts are delivered to those most in need.

"The generosity and good will shown by our staff is impressive," said Cate. "Because of their efforts, a few hundred more children will have a shiny bicycle and others got to eat a warm Thanksgiving meal.

"We want to continue the tradition of making a difference



California Institution for Women adopted a local school.



Alameda Parole Office agents delivered food baskets.

Nearly 60 activities and events will help to feed, clothe, and bring toys to needy families and children statewide. Food and donations to purchase food will feed hundreds as



Mule Creek State Prison staging gifts for their annual event.